

a controller [(40)], coupled to the data processing unit, the user control device, and the on-screen display device, for activating the play mode of operation, and providing to a user during the play mode of operation an opportunity to access previously stored bookmarks, [characterized in that] wherein

the controller determines [(130)] the maximum number of the plurality of bookmarks which may be associated with the storage medium, and which of the maximum number of the plurality of bookmarks are actually available [(132)] for the storage medium, and

the on-screen display unit generates [(134)] an on-screen menu [(110)] displaying the maximum number of the plurality of bookmarks available and the actually available ones of the plurality of bookmarks associated with the storage medium, the menu allowing the user to perform one of:

- (a) set a new bookmark;
- (b) select a bookmark and clearing the selected bookmark,
- (c) select a bookmark and playing back the stored information from the location corresponding to the selected bookmark, and
- (d) allow the user to undo a previously performed operation while continuing to watch the information playback in a background portion of a video display.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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-- A method of controlling a system for processing stored information on a storage medium includes the following steps. Stored information is played back during a play mode of operation. A user is provided an opportunity to select a bookmark representing a corresponding location within the stored information, from among a plurality of bookmarks, responsive to user input. Playback is changed to from the location corresponding to the selected bookmark during the play mode of operation. Apparatus for processing information stored on a storage medium includes playback circuitry for retrieving information from the storage medium during a play mode of operation. A user control device receives user input. Control circuitry selects a bookmark, corresponding to a location in the retrieved information from the storage medium, in response to the user input, and conditions the playback circuitry to retrieve information from the storage medium starting at the location corresponding to the selected one of a plurality of bookmarks during the play mode of operation. --